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October 12, 1994

Alumni Arena user fee abandoned

by Joseph Broadbent, News Editor

A three-year agreement has been tentatively reached that will allow law students, as well as other graduate students, to use Alumni Arena facilities without the implementation of a user fee.

The agreement comes after months of negotiations and several meetings involving the UB administration and the six graduate and professional student groups.

Last summer, the administration proposed to change the then-existing policy whereby graduate students were granted access to Alumni Arena's facilities via contributions from the various graduate student groups. Under last summer's proposed plan, students would have been forced to purchase individual user passes at a price of \$50 per semester.

The Recreational and Intramural Services Board ("R&I") based its proposal on a survey which it conducted regarding what groups used the Arena and how much; the Board claimed that the survey showed that the user fee system would raise \$105,000. The Board told the student groups that the old system would be retained if the groups could come up with the same amount of money.

Immediately after the plan was announced, graduate

students and their governments expressed their opposition. The administration eventually pushed back implementation of the fee until Oct. 1.

At its Sept. 27 meeting, the SBA voted to increase its contribution to R&I to \$12,000 for this year with 3 percent increases for each of the next two years. The increase to \$12,000 represents a 16 percent increase over last year's contribution.

The increase in the required contribution to R&I is much higher than any of the other graduate student groups -- with the exception of the Graduate Student Association -- even though the Arena is used by law students less than 5 percent of the time. The administration originally proposed an increase of 40 percent.

This proposal was accepted by the administration at the Oct. 6 meeting.

While the agreement is still verbal, all the parties involved have agreed to its basics. As Athletic Director Nelson Townsend stated, "the issue is finished; it only needs implementation."

As a result of the agreement, all graduate student groups will be increasing their contributions to R&I -- with the exception of the Medical School which will contribute nothing,

but will consequently be barred from using the facilities. It is also possible that Student Affairs will contribute to fill in any funds that aren't raised.

Nelson Townsend maintains that his department never wanted a user fee in the first place (it would be too much of a hassle); the department merely wanted to know where the money was coming from in advance and be assured that it would be paid what it was owed. He said that a user fee would end up depriving those students who didn't have the money to buy a pass of the opportunity to use the facilities.

Townsend further stated that the new agreement is an improvement over the way things have been handled in the past, where there would be an annual debate over how much each group would contribute and then a year-end problem of trying to collect the promised contributions. The current agreement looks to the future and avoids the yearly problems that have occurred in the past.

He added that the user fee controversy has been beneficial in that it has caused the student groups to look towards long-range plans and has helped everyone realize the importance of the issue.

See **USER FEE** on page 10

Faculty approves changes in first-year program

by Peter Zummo, Managing Editor

Acting-Dean Tom Headrick has confirmed that the changes envisioned for the first year program (see *The Opinion*, Aug. 30) were approved by the faculty.

"The faculty has passed it and the administration will do its best to implement the changes for next year," he said.

The new first-year program will consist of a year long Perspectives course, a six-

credit, two-semester Research & Writing course, and six traditional first-year subjects: Contracts, Torts, Procedure, Criminal Law, Constitutional Law and Property. First-year students will begin their education at UB Law with a seven or nine day course entitled "Introduction to Law and Legal Studies."

The structure of the semesters will change for all students including second- and third-year students.

"The major change for returning students will be when classes start and when they finish," Headrick said. Classes will begin in September after Labor day and will continue until the middle of May. There will be a short block of "bridge courses," courses that will run

for three to four weeks in January. First-year students will participate in these bridge courses through their Research and Writing groups.

According to Headrick, there may be some one-credit courses for upper division students during this bridge course block; however, the plans for this arrangement are still in

its initial stages.

Summer courses may become more extensive "in the long term", but for the foreseeable future will remain as they have been.

In order for the new curriculum to be put into place, the Planning Committee has proposed lowering enrollment to 200 - 210 students. This proposal has yet to be approved by the provost and president, Headrick said.

Coupled with a reduction in enrollment, there will be a "modest increase in tuition spread over three to four years." This increase is also awaiting approval by the SUNY administration in Albany, Headrick said.

The tuition increase proposal also requests that any increase in revenue be directly returned to the law school budget by SUNY, something that SUNY has refused to do "as a matter of principle" in the past.

"The major change for returning students will be when classes start and when they finish."

--Dean Headrick



Suzanne Cristo, 3L, lends a hand to a young resident during Community Service Day.

Law students give back to their community

by Martini Iwala, Reporter

In the morning hours of Saturday, Oct. 8, 1994, the residents of Adams Street on Buffalo's East Side welcomed some unusual visitors.

The visitors were UB law students, who were participating in the first ever law students' Community Service Day, sponsored by the Student Bar Association. About 27 law students volunteered to work with Habitat for Humanity to help fix up houses for low-income families in downtown Buffalo.

"UB lawyers are working to improve the image of the profession," said SBA President Ben Dwyer.

The Community Service Day is a part of SBA's goal to link UB Law with various communities in Buffalo, Dwyer said. Law students now have an opportunity to help the community, he said.

Law students responded to the SBA president's call.

Helen Pundurs, 3L, arrived on her bicycle at about 8:40 a.m. A few minutes later, Bruce Karpati, 2L, stepped out of a red BMW. By 9:15 a.m., all 27 law students had arrived on Adams Street using various means of transportation.

By 9:30 a.m., residents of Adams Street had begun to watch what was going on with curiosity. LaVette Gray, a resident of one of the four houses under construction, joined the law students in shoveling and spreading soil on her yard. A few minutes later Bonita Hill and Pleasant Barker accompanied the students in separating rocks from the soil and reseeding the yards.

These residents were later accompanied by their children in sorting out dirt and rocks and transporting unwanted debris to dump trucks.

At noon, law students and other participants were treated to pizza and sodas donated

See **COMMUNITY DAY** on page 6

Voter registration deadline is Oct. 14

The last day to register to vote in the Nov. 8 general election is Friday, Oct. 14. Even if you voted in last year's elections, you must re-register to vote if you moved.

This year, state-wide races include candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Comptroller, and Attorney General. All seats in the State Senate and Assembly are also available this year.

On the national level, all 435 members

of the House of Representatives are up for election and, in New York State, one U.S. Senate seat is being contested.

Registration forms must reach your County Board of Elections by the Friday deadline. The Board of Elections is located at 134 West Eagle Street in downtown Buffalo. Forms are also available at many public libraries in Erie County or you can call the Board of Elections at 858-8891.

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SBA meeting:

New society recognized by SBA

by Steven Dietz, Reporter

The Student Bar Association formally recognized the Entertainment and Sports Law Society at its Sept. 27 meeting.

For more than an hour, the SBA and Society President Andrew Freedman debated the issues of formal recognition and Freedman's request for funds for the group.

Andrew Freedman, who thought he had done everything possible to insure recognition by the Student Bar Association and who had consulted closely with the SBA about requirements for recognition, stated that more than 60 students had signed up as members and elected an executive board. The society had lined up several speakers for the coming year, had enacted a Constitution and prepared a tentative budget.

The SBA ultimately voted to recognize the Society and to grant it enough funds to cover initial costs and the first sponsored lecture.

"I did what I had to do," Freedman said. "I pulled together people on a topic that they wanted to hear about. There was a tremendous response. I went through the formal process."

Freedman said that the delay in full funding could jeopardize the future plans of the society, including fundraising, petitioning for sports law classes and the lecture series. "I worked hard to get people who wouldn't charge anything," he said.

The recognition stalled on two issues. The first issue was brought up by 3L Class Director Nancy Stroud, who pointed out that under the SBA bylaws, all organizations seeking SBA recognition must have a confirmed faculty advisor, a requirement Freedman stated he was unaware of. SBA President Ben Dwyer confirmed that the subject had not come up in his conversations with Freedman concerning the requirements for SBA recognition. He added that there shouldn't be a problem in lining up a faculty member or adjunct faculty member to serve as an advisor.

The second issue was the proposed budget. The society was seeking \$1,500 from the SBA, which included \$300.00 in start-up fees, \$400.00 for the lecture line and \$225.00 for two members to attend the State Bar Association's entertainment and sports law meeting in New York City. Questions were raised about the amounts requested, and after a few minutes discussion, 2L Class Director John Leifert moved to table recognition of the Society, with 1L Director Veronica Rodriguez seconding the motion.

The effect of the motion would have been to leave the Society without any funds to start up or to fund its first speaker. It was narrowly defeated 8-10, with Stroud a key vote against the motion.

Stroud then moved to provisionally recognize the Society and grant it \$200 for funds to operate for two weeks. 2L Director Reda Austin seconded the motion. Stroud accepted friendly amendments from SBA Treasurer Elizabeth Jewett to increase the start-up funds to \$250.00 and from Leifert to make recognition contingent upon the acceptance of a faculty advisor and a budget review. The motion passed 19-0 as amended.

Freedman said that the SBA leadership had been very cooperative and helpful and attributed the delay in recognition to the fact that the Society was new to a lot of the class directors. He characterized their attitude as "just give a little and see what happens," but the effect is that it "cuts you off at the knees."

Freedman said that he would be sub-
See **SBA MEETING** on page 10

Safety of O'Brian's basement questioned

by Jessica Murphy, Reporter

Dragging around books by the ton seems to top the law student's job description and snow seems to top everybody's list when they describe Buffalo, NY. So what's a poor law student to do with a full back-pack in over two feet of snow?

Well, if you're lucky, you can get a locker, some of which are located in the basement of O'Brian Hall. But have you been there lately?

First-year Student Bar Association Class Director George Hamboussi has and he doesn't like what he's seen, expressing concern about the safety of the area.

"Although something might not have happened yet, that doesn't mean something won't happen," Hamboussi said. "And if something does happen, we're going to kick ourselves for not doing anything beforehand."

Hamboussi, whose main campaign goal was to improve safety conditions at the law school, said he's heard several complaints from first-year students about the poor condition of O'Brian Hall's basement. Among the complaints cited are the basement's poor lighting, the lack of an alarm or camera and the basement's isolation from the rest of the building, making it likely that if anything did happen, nobody would know.

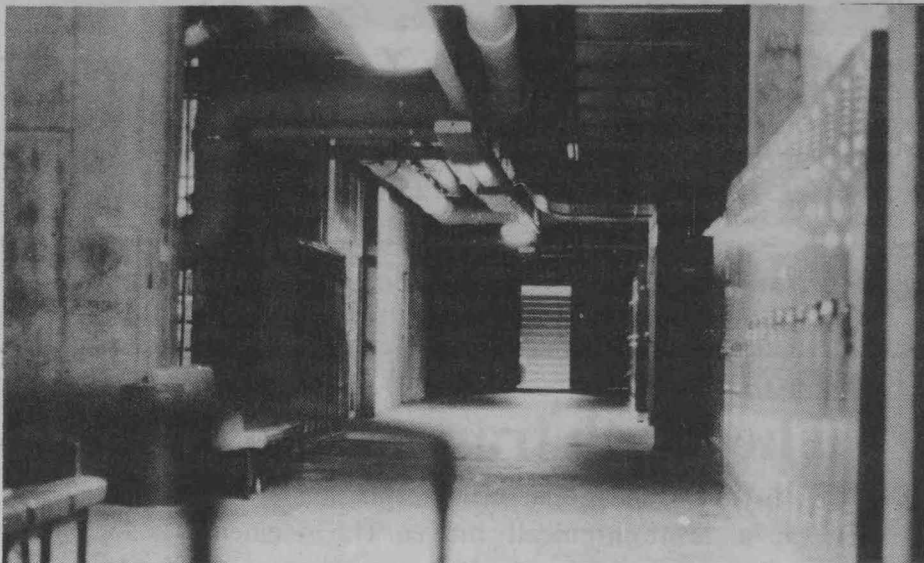
"We already know about last year's robberies," Hamboussi said. "I don't think it's safe. There are too many possibilities."

Hamboussi said the SBA is working to address this issue. He said some possible safety measures being looked into include placing a direct phone line and video cameras in the basement. He also wants to see Public Safety offer safety seminars to graduate students.

"Basically, if something were to happen down there, the school would be liable," Hamboussi stated. "They are responsible for providing a safe atmosphere to their students."

There are approximately 500 lockers available to students, as well as various offices, in the basement. According to UB administrators, no serious incidents have been reported to date.

Marlene Cook, assistant law school dean, said she has been working diligently to improve the conditions of the basement locker



Many law students dread to venture into the basement locker area of O'Brian Hall.

room, but elusive funding and needs of the law school faculty have taken precedent over renovations.

Since 1988, Cook's input increased lighting in the locker area and prior to her involvement, mirrors were installed to aid students who ventured into the area alone.

Prior to the state's budget cuts of SUNY funding, there were plans to renovate the basement and locker area into a bright and comfortable social atmosphere, according to a UB administrator who wished not to be identified. But plans to create a common place for students, faculty and administration to meet for conversation and coffee died when the budget cuts were implemented, the administrator said.

Marie McCleod, keyboards specialist, said she wants to improve the situation for all the students using the basement facility. "I'm willing to do whatever I can to help," she said. "Maybe with stronger student input, we can do something."

McCleod mentioned that students in previous years have attempted to get the area renovated, but weren't able to obtain enough support.

Hamboussi said that he is starting a petition to drum up the student support that's needed to resolve the problem.

Many students expressed their frustrations with the basement's condition, but others disagreed that the basement was particularly

unsafe. "I see the basement as not only unsafe, but [as also] creating a pseudo-caste system with the first-years on the bottom," said Chris Nickson, 1L.

"The lockers provide space where an attacker could hide from a student's view until that student is too close to escape," said Sharon McDermott, 1L. "During the afternoons and evenings... because there are so few people [around], the locker area becomes an ideal setting for [an attack]."

Michael Graff, 1L, said, "I do not personally feel the basement area of O'Brian Hall... presents a significantly dangerous area compared to my front yard near Bailey, for example."

But Graff added, "If a number of students are concerned, it seems measures should be taken to ease the concerns." For example, he said better lighting and "blue-light" phones could be installed.

Danielle Grimm, 1L, made some other suggestions on how to improve the situation.

"I think there's a common sense approach to this problem," she said. "Until UB improves the locker area, we need to know how to defend ourselves. We need classes and escorts to do this."

Grimm said it's time students took some action to resolve the problem, adding, "When the circulating petition reaches you, do something and sign it."

New domestic violence law is topic at awards luncheon

by Shelley Chao, Reporter

UB Law School and the UB Alumni Association are presenting the 1994 Jaeckle Award Luncheon and the 19th Annual Alumni Convocation on Saturday, Oct. 22 at the Atrium in the UB Center for the Arts.

The luncheon presentation of the Jaeckle Awards to Arnold B. Gardner and Sen. Dale M. Volker, R-Depew, will follow a morning-long convocation. The convocation, which will begin at 9 a.m., will focus on New York State's new Family Protection and Domestic Violence Intervention Act of 1994, which has amended more than 40 sections of the New York Penal Law.

The panel, which will present the prose-

cution, litigation, judicial, expert witness, and media viewpoints on the new law, will include the law's principal author and sponsor, New York State Senator Stephen N. Saland. Representatives from all judicial levels from the Buffalo City Court to the state Supreme Court will be participants in the domestic violence program. Other scheduled panelists include UB Law professor Charles P. Ewing, as well as adjunct professor and Erie County District Attorney Kevin M. Dillon. Judges, law firm representatives and a representative from the media will also participate in the program.

The luncheon presentation of the Jaeckle Awards will comprise the second half of the day's events. UB President William R. Griener

will present the awards.

The Jaeckle Award, named for UB Law School alumnus Edwin F. Jaeckle, is given in recognition of an individual who has distinguished himself or herself and made significant contributions to the law school and the legal profession. This year, the law school and the Alumni Association will bestow their highest honor on two recipients.

Gardner received a bachelor's degree from UB in 1950 and a law degree from Harvard Law School in 1953. A private attorney and a senior partner at Kavinoky and Cook, he has served on the governing board of the State University of New York since 1980.

Volker, a New York state senator, graduated from UB Law in 1966. He has served as chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on Alcoholism and is a criminal justice expert.

Invitations to the convocation and the awards luncheon were placed in law students' mailboxes Oct. 6. Ilene Fleischmann, a coordinator of the events, stresses that students are invited to attend. Of special note, she said students who pre-register in 318 O'Brian by Oct. 15 will be guests of the Alumni Association, and will receive a free breakfast, extensive written materials, including a copy of the new law, and a free lunch. Only those who pre-register can be accommodated.

According to Sue Tomkins, a clinic instructor for UB Law School's domestic violence clinic program, some students in her program were involved in the drafting of the new legislation through their testimony to the Senate Subcommittee.

"This is not the morning to sleep in," Fleischmann said. Law students who would like further information may contact Fleischmann at 645-2107.

SBA Party!



Andrew Freedman, Hilary Banker, Liz Goldberg and John Formichella were just some of the many law students who turned out for the SBA's party at the CPG. See page 11 for others.

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Managing Editor**EDITORIAL:****The death trap we call home**

O'Brian Hall is falling apart at the seams.

The elevators are chronically broken. The basement is in deplorable condition. The classrooms are deteriorating (see room 108 for example). And the list goes on and on.

And don't forget, the building is loaded with asbestos -- but don't be alarmed; the university monitors the air quality "regularly."

UB administrators say they can't renovate O'Brian because of the asbestos problem. If the real reason was the asbestos problem -- as the university might like us to believe -- the failure might be excusable. But the plain harsh truth is that the university is too cheap to spend money on fixing the elevators, and is more willing to maintain its buildings in a decrepit condition and violate legislation such as the American's With Disabilities Act than concern itself with our safety.

Not only are the malfunctioning elevators a major inconvenience to the students, faculty, and law school officials; they're especially troublesome to students with disabilities and special needs.

While most students justifiably complain about having to walk up four or five floors, to students in wheelchairs the elevators are their only way around O'Brian. When they are inoperative, these students are effectively cut off from pursuing their studies. The Students with Special Needs program is deeply concerned with this situation, but the university has consistently shown a persistent and complete disregard for the safety and mobility of these students.

Even when the elevators are working, students still encounter problems. Due to the design of the two elevators, a person must stand well away from the doors to be able to see which car is available. By the time a person in a wheelchair can maneuver to the car, the doors are closing, leaving him or her to wait another five minutes for the next car. This situation is intolerable and most likely illegal under the American with Disabilities Act.

Another issue of concern for disabled students or, with ski season fast approaching, someone who must get around on crutches, is the entrance to the library. There is no way for the doors to be opened except by a person able to walk in. A person in a wheelchair is left to wait there until someone opens the door for him or her.

It's time the university addresses these issues and allocates the necessary funds from the capital budget. O'Brian has been the poor forgotten step-child long enough. We should demand our fair share of capital funds that are indispensable to bringing the building into compliance with the current requirements and with basic standards of decency.

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—The First Amendment



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The Editorial, continued

UB Law officials agree. They too have expressed their dissatisfaction with the lack of concern and apathy on the part of the university administration.

We would hate to think that it has to come to the point that a student would have to file a lawsuit against the university seeking enforcement of the relevant regulations, or worse, for someone to come to harm because of the university's apathy. Is the leadership of UB really waiting for an elevator car to drop from the seventh floor to the basement causing multiple serious injuries? We certainly hope not.

At the very least, a sign should be posted on the elevator doors: "Warning: The use of the elevators may be hazardous to your health." Perhaps someone should also place an hourglass next to the elevators so that students can see how many hours it will take until they are able to use the pathetic excuse for an elevator system the law students have been saddled with.

To demonstrate the validity of these issues, we challenge President Greiner to come over to O'Brian Hall on a regular school day and take a look for himself: ride the elevators (if you dare), walk up and down the steps of Room 108, and boldly venture into the basement without a bodyguard or a guard dog. We're confident that after Griener experiences the shabby conditions first-hand, he'll realize that we're not just a bunch of law students looking for something to whine about.

NOTICE: *The Opinion* will now be publishing on Wednesdays. Deadlines for submissions remains Fridays. Thank you for your support.

Clarification:

* In clarification of the Sept. 28 article, "Law students elect their class directors," George Hamboussi said his main goal as an SBA class director will be to promote student safety. He is currently working to make the basement of O'Brian Hall safer for students.

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The Opinion Mailbox

In response to "trampling on the freedom of speech"

To the Editor:

Although the author of your perspective piece "Trampling on the freedom of speech" in September 20's *The Opinion* was undoubtedly sincere, the story contained a number of misstatements and misinterpretations of constitutional history. I felt compelled to write and offer some corrections.

Reading the author's story, one would be moved to believe that the Supreme Court had reached some kind of "high water mark" in its Speech Clause jurisprudence with the cases of *Texas v. Johnson* and *R.A.V. v. St. Paul* and has been violating the intent of the Framers ever since, especially in *Madsen v. Women's Health Center, Inc.*, last term's celebrated anti-abortion injunction decision. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The author strains to characterize the history of the Speech Clause as one in which the "Framers" intended, apparently, to protect speech absolutely. At one point, the author states that "[w]ith *R.A.V.*, the Court seemed to be faithful to the Framers' intent to protect all kinds of speech, even speech that offended others." History belies the contention that the Framers intended to protect all kinds of speech. A mere 7 years after the first ten amendments were adopted,

a number of the Framers sat in the Congress that passed the Sedition Act of 1798, a piece of legislation that provided for fines and imprisonment for free-speakers who opposed measures of the government. Although some, including our First-Amendment archetypes Madison and Jefferson, argued that the act was unconstitutional, others of the Framers disagreed and helped pass the measure into law. Although the Sedition Act episode has received a curious historical treatment in such cases as *New York Times v. Sullivan*, it surely stands to refute any inference that the Framers were of one mind and "intended to protect all kinds of speech."

The author goes on to characterize the freedom of speech as "the most important of the rights guaranteed by the Bill of Rights." Although I would argue that some person subjected to Colonial trial without jury or a hearing would vigorously disagree with the author's characterization, the following historical misstatement is my subject here. In a parenthetical to the "most important of the rights" language, the author states: "(The fact that it is the first right mentioned in the Bill of Rights is also significant)." This statement would appear to support the contention that speech was considered by the "Framers" to be "the

most important" right. Again the author has misinformed the reader.

The amendment that is now our first was, originally, the third article of twelve submitted to Congress. Number one (the first proposed amendment) was intended to change the manner in which numerical representation was provided in the House; number two would have altered the manner in which Congress could approve pay increases. Both of these proposals failed, thus belying the contention that order has anything to do with importance (one can, of course, argue that the first proposal was the least important because it was rejected). It is, therefore, only by a bit of historical caprice that the amendment we now call the "first" achieved that ranking.

In sum, cases like *Madsen* are very much in line with a historical tradition that supports a balancing of free speech against the community interest. Just as I find it hard to believe that any of the Framers would support the absolute right of someone to yell "Fire!" falsely in a crowded theater, I find it impossible to believe that the Framers as a group would support a "right" to hurl taunts and harassments at people who are exercising another right, quietly, under the law.

Stuart Graham, 3L



Don't fret over newsletter

To the Editor:

The fact that the Student Bar Association is publishing a newsletter should not cause *The Opinion* to feel threatened.

During 1L orientation, the library tour discouraged me until I realized that it contained a lot of redundant information -- "official" and "unofficial."

Now that law students receive "official" (the SBA newsletter) and "unofficial" (*The Opinion*) information about our student government, I think we will all be both completely informed and critically informed.

Thomas Byrne, 1L

Shame on you!

To the Editor:

There are two activities I recently attended that had extremely poor showings which I thought was utterly shameful.

The first was the "Law School" (HA!) Blood Donor Drive. As your article in the Sept 20th edition noted, only 25 people who donated were Law students; the other 35 were from other divisions.

The Red Cross had stuffed 800 Law school mailboxes-- and, pathetically enough, out of 800 only a paltry 25 were interested in sacrificing and doing this good deed? (Well, what do you expect, I guess--you're dealing with lawyers right? Maybe if they had been giving out free beer there would have been a much better showing!)

Well, I hope that someday when you're in an accident and there's a shortage of blood you will remember how you can't complain since you too were just like everybody else--too damn selfish to give up an hour of your time and a pint of your blood to save someone's LIFE! (Pathetic!) (Of course, if you are a person who

was sick or had some other legitimate reason you are excluded from this diatribe--I am of course only referring to those who honestly could have but who just "couldn't be bothered" (of which there are many!)

The second activity was the Candidates Forum/Grill Session (another "HA!"). The candidates running outnumbered the few students who showed up to listen 3 to 1! I thought this was entirely pathetic. And, as for questions I was the only individual who asked one--so much for the "grill session"! All I have to say is, I don't think that anyone who didn't show up (again, I am only referring to those who didn't have a good reason) has any right whatsoever to complain in the future about the inevitable problems our SBA Reps will face. Where were you when it was time to make a legitimate effort to find out who they all really are? (besides the blurb/resume listed in *The Opinion*). Don't you agree that you can tell more about a person by looking them in the eye when they speak than by cursorily glancing at their "resume"?

Diane Lorenc Mathers, 1L

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by David S. Leone

We're the first students under the new curriculum. Whatta ya think?

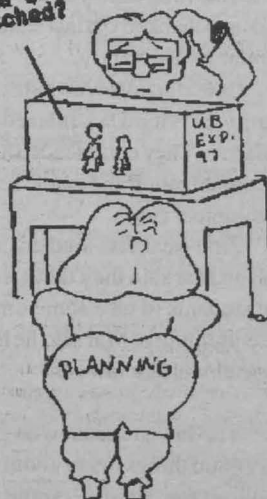
It's ok. I guess.

Yep.

Did you get that?



Do you feel like we're being watched?





Guest speaker Keith Schulefand

Entertainment & sports lawyer reveals tricks of the trade

by Bob Morgan, Reporter

A practicing entertainment and sports lawyer last week told an audience of law students how to get involved in his field.

"You need luck to practice sports law," said Keith Schulefand, a guest lecturer of the Entertainment and Sports Law Society.

About 40 students turned out Oct. 4 to listen to and ask questions of Schulefand, a 1988 UB Law graduate and solo practitioner currently specializing in sports, film and music law.

Schulefand, who currently represents Buffalo Bill Mark Maddox, spent much of the lecture speaking on the subject of NFL player representation, a field which Schulefand said is highly saturated. He also represents several other entertainers including radio personalities, a movie-star monkey and Tracy Mehm, the Buff-State hooker.

Schulefand repeatedly emphasized that luck is needed to practice sports law. In addition, he offered suggestions for aspiring sports agents, stating that "[a] key to the recruitment of college players is to earn their parents' trust. Their first time around contract negotiation, athletes don't know who to go with so their parents' advice can be very important."

He also suggested representing alumni from the various colleges, stating that a graduate's recommendation can carry a lot of weight with college athletes.

Schulefand added that the competitive and crowded nature of the sports agent field makes the ethical line more gray than black and white in some circumstances.

"When competing for the college athletes, agents know that the athlete wishes to be entertained. This can cost money," he said. "Technically, it is illegal for an agent to give a student athlete a gift with any value at all, but the truth is it's common practice." Consequently, Schulefand said he prefers to pursue representation of veteran athletes rather than amateur ones and added that he will not succumb to the common practice of bribing student athletes.

Schulefand stated that anyone can be an NFL player's agent, stating that "[a]nyone can negotiate Jim Kelly's contract. It's a standard form that the NFL provides. The only difference between any two players' contracts is the dollar amount on the blank as well as the incentives for performance."

Society President Andrew Freedman said that everything went far better than he could have imagined. "There was a great turnout. I wasn't sure what to expect, so this was kind of a test run. I'm very pleased with the response."

The audience was generally appreciative and members of the audience asked several questions. First-year student Bill McDonald showed his enthusiasm for entertainment and sports law when he asked, "I wonder if he'll introduce me to the Buff-State hooker."

Clothesline strives to erase domestic violence

by Peter Zummo, Managing Editor

Activities connected with the month-long focus on domestic violence began with a march in Buffalo last Thursday, Oct. 6.

Approximately 75 people marched down Delaware Avenue to City Hall to call attention to the problem, according to Nancy Grey of Haven House. The march was sponsored by the Erie County Committee on Rape and Sexual Assault (CORSA.)

Here at UB Law, the Domestic Violence Task Force (DVTF) has announced the creation of the Erie County Clothesline Project.

The Clothesline Project began in 1990 in Massachusetts and is now active worldwide. It is a visual display that bears witness to violence against women in all its forms.

During the display, which will take place on Oct. 20 from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. on the first floor of O'Brian Hall, shirts will be hung over a clothesline. Each shirt is decorated by a survivor to represent her particular experience. In addition, shirts memorializing women killed by domestic violence are accepted for the Project.

The purpose of the Clothesline Project is four-fold: (1) to bear witness to the survivors as well as the victims of domestic violence; (2) to help with the healing process for people who have lost a loved one or have survived this



The Domestic Violence Task Force marched to City Hall last week to increase awareness of spousal abuse.

violence; (3) to educate, document and raise society's awareness of the extent of the problem of violence against women; (4) to provide a nationwide network of support, encouragement and information for other communities starting their own Clothesline Projects.

The DVTF invites students to participate in the project. You can write, draw, paste or sew any message that reflects your experience. All shirts are anonymous. Shirts can be made

alone or in a group workshop. In order to preserve the display's longevity, DVTF suggests that art materials used for this project be of a permanent nature.

Materials for making shirts, as well as any additional information that may be required, are available at the DVTF's office in 604 O'Brian, 645-2782, or from the Erie County Citizens' Committee on Rape and Sexual Assault at 858-7879.

SOLAR protests use of animals for experimentation

by Rosanna Berardi, Reporter

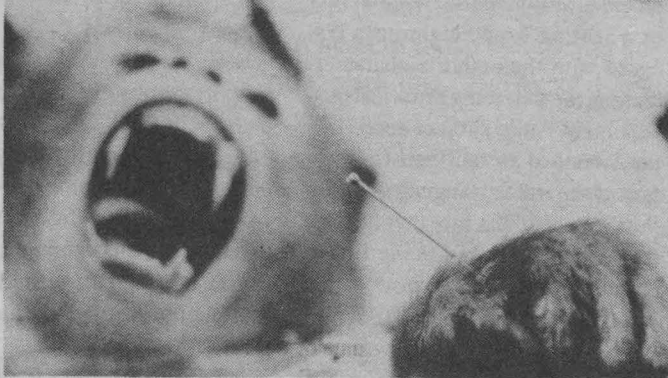
Students of Law for Animal Rights (SOLAR) continued its quest to stop animal experimentation at UB and to preserve wildlife by sponsoring a protest march and a lecture which discussed the issue of hunting.

"It's time to challenge the animal research industry," said Sean Day, a SOLAR steering committee member and one of the march's organizers. "It's time for a new ethic and more exacting demands on the accuracy of medical research."

About 125 people gathered Sept. 21 to march against the use of animals in experimentation at UB's medical and dental schools, according to Day, 3L. The march was held at the South Campus and was followed by a lecture that featured Betsy Todd, a member of the Medical Research Committee, and Bill Dollinger from Friends of Animals.

Todd presented an overview of animal research techniques, while Dollinger argued that animal experimentation should stop because results are not relevant to humans due to the differences in DNA composition and hormones.

Day said that SOLAR's primary objective is to end all vivisections that occur at UB.



An example of a vivisection experiment at an unidentified medical school.

Vivisection is a medical research technique where surgical operations or other experiments are performed on living animals in order to study the structure and function of living organs and also to investigate the effects of diseases and therapy.

Day admitted that preventing vivisections will be a difficult task because of the amount of money made by the university from animal research.

Comments on their animal experimentation were not available from either the medical or dental school.

Day said he was generally pleased with the turnout, but expressed his frustration with the apathy of UB students and the Buffalo community. "Given the size of UB, few people

showed up," he said. "Too many people are satisfied with the status quo and spend their lives sitting around doing nothing."

Speaker calls recreational hunting wrong

On Oct. 5, SOLAR sponsored a lecture, "Hunting Our Nation's Wildlife: Harvesting the Truth," which featured Wayne Pacelle from the Humane Society of the United States. About 20 people attended the event.

Pacelle focused on the debate over hunting as a recreational sport, stating that more than 200 million animals were killed by hunters in 1990. He opposed the common justification of hunters -- the necessity to control animal population. Pacelle argued that most species do not need to be controlled and pointed out that the recent deer over-population situation in Amherst is the exception, not the norm.

Pacelle noted that all 50 states have some type of law which prohibits cruelty to animals as well as such events as cock fights.

He closed with a quote from author Matt Karpville: "If killing animals is wrong as a spectator sport, then it should also be wrong for a participatory sport."

Community Day, continued from page one

ed by Santora's Pizza and Wegmans supermarket. During lunch, Ron Talboys, the president of Buffalo Chapter of Habitat for Humanity, noted that his organization has built 25 houses in various communities around Buffalo since 1985. He indicated that seven new homes are currently under construction.

After everyone had eaten, Talboys assigned the final task of reseeding the rest of the yards and thanked UB law students on behalf of Habitat for Humanity.

Law students who participated in Community Service Day praised Dwyer for his initiative. They commended him for his vision and organization and expressed their intention to volunteer again.

First-year law students Dave Fitch and Nelson Mar said they think it is important for law students to take some time to help out in the community. Mar said he hopes to become a social/welfare lawyer.

The law students who participated had only good things to say about the Community Service Day, although some offered suggestions on how to improve it.

Community Service Day presents a good opportunity for law students to do something

for the City of Buffalo, said second-year student Bruce Karpati.

Alexandra Rivas, another second-year law student, said she thinks law students should interact with Buffalo communities more often. She would like activities at Community Service Day to include painting of the houses.

Susan Cristo, 3L, said she wished more third-years had volunteered. She attributed their absence to job searching and other prior commitments and suggested that Community Service Day be scheduled for mid-September when Moot Court and other law school activities are not going on.

Jason Carusone, 3L, said the Community Service Day is a great place for lawyers, professors, and students to interact.

Across the street from where law students worked is a green house in which "Jasper" lives. He said he has been living in that house since 1968.

"I have seen Habitat for Humanity bring that vacant lot (referring to the four houses where law students were working) to three houses, and I think it is a good idea," he indicated, adding that "whenever someone can help low income earners--as these people are doing, it's always good."

"Daryll", who lives in the vicinity of Adams Street, said minorities should increase their involvement in Community Service Day with Habitat for Humanity.

Everyone in the Adams Street community who participated in the Community Service Day activity said they felt like helping the community because they were helped in the past. According to Bonita Hill (whose house law students worked on), helping others is like a partnership.

Talboys said he shares the same feelings with Hill when it comes to helping those in need. He has been the president of Buffalo Chapter of Habitat for Humanity since 1985. He commended the law students for donating their time and effort to helping the less fortunate people of the community.

When asked about what motivates him to help low income earners own homes, Talboys said, quoting the gospel of Matthew, "the word of God says that in as much as I help brothers in need, I am helping Him."

Dwyer said he wishes to continue this tradition annually and hopes to show the City of Buffalo that UB law students care about their community.

New and Improved

A look at UB Law's new Research and Writing program and professors

By Cynthia Salmon-Conzola, Reporter

This year the research and writing program marks a clean break from the past. Now the program lasts a full year, is worth six credit hours, and all the students use a standardized text. The five brand new full-time instructors teach nothing but research and writing.

Professor Lucinda Finley, the head of the program, said that the new instructors' top priority will be teaching research and writing classes. She said that the five instructors are working very hard to make this program work.

In years the past, the class lasted but a single semester and was worth only three credits. Because of time constraints, students were prevented from writing both a memo and a legal brief. This year's classes will not have to make that choice.

"In one semester, either research or writing gets a short shrift," she said. Now there is time to properly address both. Additionally, students are using a common text, making the material consistent throughout the program.

The whole year has been planned out, the assignments are a systematic progression of skill development.

Finley described the instructors as, "highly qualified, very, very enthusiastic and hard working."

"They are sacrificing sleep, family and social life," Finley joked that at some point they will have to sleep and spend some time with their families.

Christine Constantine

Christine Constantine, once a junior and senior high school teacher, graduated from St. Johns College with a Liberal Arts degree. Constantine graduated from UB Law in 1987



and practiced law in "the exciting field of pensions and benefits" with a firm in Rochester for two years.

Constantine worked as an Appellate Attorney for the Appellate Court division, Fourth Department for two

years. Although she described it as being harder than law school, she said it was fascinating work.

When her term Appellate Court expired, she had heard about the job as instructor in the research and writing program here at UB. "My true love is writing," she said, "and I really missed teaching."

Constantine enjoys her students very much. "They are delightful, interesting people," she said, "They're smart, it's a pleasure." She teaches them as though they were in a law firm.

Constantine has two children and what she described as a full life, but she has little time for anything with her new research and writing instructor's position.

Christine Farley

This past summer, Christine Farley attended a conference on Research and Writing in Chicago. She described it as very interesting;

nevertheless, after coming back, she felt that this new research and writing program at Buffalo was much more comprehensive than similar programs at other schools.

Farley has a BA in Art History from SUNY-Binghamton. After she completed her degree there she worked for two years at SUNY Cobleskill in the Student Affairs department. She is a 1994 graduate of UB Law.

Farley said that she loves teaching here. "I am very impressed with my students' skills."

If she had time, she said she would like to do some consulting work.



Sarah Herbert

Sarah Herbert comes to us from deep in da hearta' Texas. She double majored in Math-Science and English at Rice University. She received her JD from Harvard. Herbert practiced law with a firm in Dallas Texas for six years before returning to school and getting a

LL.M from Columbia. Herbert said she is very excited about being here at Buffalo. She said her students are very bright and they work very hard.

She is very busy and has little time for anything outside of the work she does for her research and writing classes.



"They are sacrificing sleep, family and social life."

-- Lucinda Finley

Frank Ravitch

Frank Ravitch graduated from Tulane University a year early with a double major in Anthropology and Communication.

Ravitch received a JD from Dickinson School of Law and a LL.M. from Georgetown University Law Center. He worked with a law firm in New Jersey for two years. He has also worked for Representative Leslie Byrne (D-VA), U.S. House of Representatives.

Ravitch said he is very excited about teaching in the Research and Writing program. He believes that his students will gain valuable and practical legal skills. His sections pretend that they are actual law firms. The students write memos and briefs to him as though they are the firm's associates and he is their senior partner. He wants his students to



analyze, research and write just as if they were working in the real world. For added realism, he even hired drama students to play clients.

His students describe him as being sharp, well prepared for class, and very accessible.

Ravitch has published papers in the Cardozo Law Review, and the Georgetown Journal on Fighting Poverty.

Although, he says he hasn't much time right now to do much of anything other than prepare for his classes, writing is his hobby. Ravitch also enjoys skiing, roller blading, and reading.

Oren Zeve

Oren Zeve is a fun, personable guy who says he enjoys this job. "I get to stand up in front of the class for one hour and 15 minutes four times a week doing schtick," he said. "No two drink minimum."

When asked how he got the job, he simply said, "I applied."



He's funny, but he has a serious side too. Not only is he teaching, but he is also working on his Ph.D. in philosophy. He graduated summa cum laude from UB Law. He received a BA in philosophy from Mont Clair State College. Additionally, he has a BS in Business Administration and a minor in Economics.

Zeve was also Student Editor at the Baldy Center for Law & Social Policy, Law & Society Review, as well as a research assistant to several of the professors here at UB Law.

Zeve plans to make his classes concentrate on research skills integrated with writing. He wants his students to learn to organize their writing.

Zeve said he currently does nothing outside of the university. He hopes to have time later in the year for something else. When asked if there was anything else to say about him he said, "I like puppies." He added that he doesn't have one, but does have a puppy calendar.

Alumni Focus: Kevin M. Dillon, Class of 1976

Alumnus explores law from classroom to courtroom

by Joseph Broadbent, News Editor

In the busy 18 years since graduating from UB Law, Kevin Michael Dillon has stood on both sides of the courtroom aisle and before rows of UB law students.

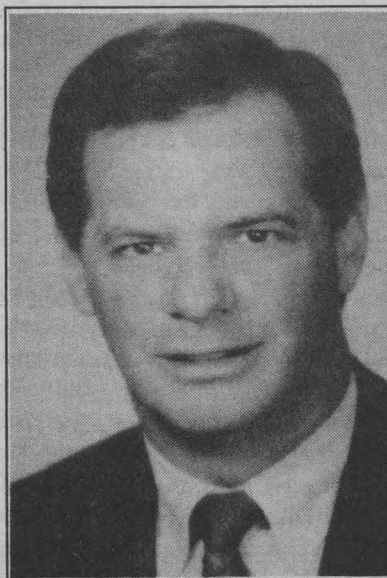
Dillon, the Erie County District Attorney, has worked in private and public practice before settling down in his current jobs.

Now in his seventh year as District Attorney, Dillon says that he still enjoys the job as much as he did during the first year. But he concedes that a low point of his job is dealing with sloppy reporters.

But when he is not chiding reporters or spending time with his family, Dillon teaches Criminal Law here at UB. Teaching gives him a chance to help aspiring attorneys and give them advice about their future profession.

After working for various private firms for more than 10 years, Dillon decided to run for District Attorney. He cited his upbringing in a political family and his personal interest in politics as the chief reasons for making this career move.

It was a job he was familiar with. Besides working for a year at the District Attorney's office immediately after graduating from law school, Dillon practiced criminal defense while he worked for



Kevin Dillon, class of 1976

private firms. Further, he knew that if he didn't try, he would regret passing up the opportunity.

Dillon described the transition from private practice to serving as District Attorney as an "enlightening experience." For some one used to working in a firm, it was a new experience to handle 40,000 cases per year, supervise 88 lawyers and be responsible for a staff of 175.

But he has felt some bumps along

the way. As District Attorney, he has seen the number of cases his office handle dramatically increase while the number of lawyers has remained constant. This has put more pressure and a larger workload on him and the attorneys in the office.

Sometimes he is forced to keep secrets, which can be very difficult. While the community reacts to perceptions, much of which dictated by the media, he must deal with realities and facts which aren't widely known.

He feels that the way that the media sometimes treats public officeholders has deterred a number of people from seeking public office. He believes that the overall quality of public officials will suffer over time. One of the reasons the media poses such problems is that it isn't accountable for its actions like public officeholders are.

He especially dislikes reporters who are so eager to be the first to break a story that they don't bother to check the facts. Some even refuse to admit error when the story or the allegations reported are proved wrong. However, he admits that the media has basically treated him fairly.

Now that he's adjusted to the change Dillon explained that his position has

given him a "much broader perspective on the community." As a result, he has learned a lot about the people and what goes on in the community, both good and bad. He uses his knowledge and insights for his students' benefit.

Dillon currently teaches Criminal Procedure at the law school in the Spring. The position which grew out of a dinner with then-Dean David Filvaroff where Dillon said that he would like to teach in the last years of his career. When a teaching vacancy opened up a few months later, he decided that he wanted to try it.

Teaching at the law school has been a fulfilling experience for Dillon, who describes it as wonderful in two respects: (1) it gives him the opportunity to escape the pressures of being District Attorney, both in the classroom and while he is preparing for class; (2) it has made him a better lawyer than he has ever been (it has helped him to compensate for his lack of appellate experience).

Dillon described teaching at the law school as being a fulfilling experience. He said it gives him the opportunity to escape the pressures of being District Attorney, and it has made him a better lawyer.

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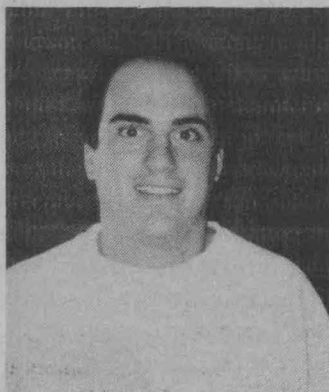
The Roaming Photographer

by John Gasper, Photo Editor

This week's question is...

What do you think of the basement's condition?

David Fallace, 1L



"I have been asked a couple of times to walk down with them [women]; it's a shame they cannot feel safe."

George J. Hamboussi, 1L

"I am currently working with the SBA to improve the conditions downstairs. I never leave someone in the basement alone."



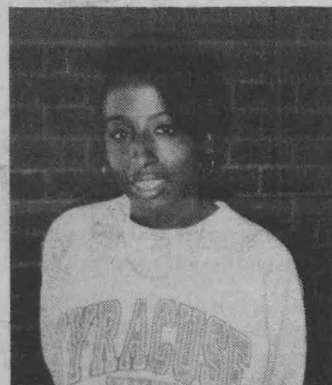
Prue Fung, 1L



"I feel the basement is very unsafe at present. I did not get a locker for that reason. There should be some improvements made."

Judith Foster, 1L

"I think it is very creepy and spooky. I do not feel safe when I am forced to go down there to get my books."



Until next time...

Group Spotlight: Phi Delta Phi

Legal fraternity under crush to rush

by Michael Chase, Reporter

The local UB Law chapter of Phi Delta Phi starts the semester in a push to breathe new life into its membership roster.

Second- and third-year law students who want to rush the self-described nation's oldest professional fraternity must be willing to take an active role in rebuilding the UB Law chapter. Phi Delta Phi's local chapter, known as an "Inn," only has eleven members. Fraternity Vice-President Jay Kalasnik envisions this year building a strong foundation for the fraternity.

The UB Inn was incorporated 100 years ago. Kalasnik said the group puts on social activities and serves the community and school. Among other things, the group is assembling a panel of fraternity alumni lawyers and judges to speak about their careers, point out the trends in the legal profession, and give employment advice for current law students.

Though not easy, Kalasnik said that it is not difficult to qualify. The group just voted a few weeks ago to reduce the strictness of the academic requirement. According to Inn President Carl Rohling, "if you have a quarter of [your credit hours as] H's, you're probably in the running." Besides the academic requirement, the group considers work and other activities.

"We're not looking to eliminate people or prevent people from joining," Kalasnik said, "but we do want people to take the fraternity seriously." Although 1L's are ex-

cluded from joining during their first semester, they can be initiated as early as next May.

"We want serious students, committed students," Kalasnik said.

Last year, new members were initiated during a ceremony held in a Buffalo City Court courtroom. Kalasnik described it as "a formal ceremony." Alumni who are on the bench ask you to make commitments in terms of upholding standards of excellence in the profession, Kalasnik said.

The group requires a \$60 initiation fee. The entire fee is paid directly to the national fraternity. The UB Inn's activities are supported by fundraising and SBA money.

Fraternity members also hobnob with members from other law schools. Rohling and Kalasnik went to Toronto on Sept. 10 to represent UB Law at a convention also attended by members from Cornell, Syracuse, and three Canadian schools. They plan to return to Toronto on Nov. 4 for the next one. "It's a great experience,"

Kalasnik said.

Phi Delta Phi was associated in 1869 at the University of Michigan Law School

"to promote a higher standard of professional ethics and culture." The list of alumni includes names like Cardozo, Prosser, and Roosevelt (both Theodore and Franklin). Five of the nine U.S. Supreme Court justices are also alumni. National membership grows by 3,500 every year. Since 1869, more than 150,000 men and women have been initiated, making it the nation's largest law fraternity.

"If you have a quarter of [your credit hours as] H's, you're probably in the running."

-- Carl Rohling



Jean Brenner of Phi Delta Phi tabling Wednesday.

Membership in Phi Delta Phi yields such perks as student loans, scholarship awards, and a fraternity credit card. Other privileges include an international exchange program, assistance in job placement, and bar review discounts. The real benefit members claim, comes from showing membership on your resume. "There are a lot of Phi Delta Phi members out there," according to Kalasnik.

The academic honor of being inducted coupled with the commitment each member pledges to upholding legal professional tradition makes the connection potentially profitable. "In the long run," Kalasnik said, "there will always be a segment of the profession who would prefer the more traditional reputation."

Rohling urges interested students to stop by Phi Delta Phi and ask current members why they joined. The group has an office in Room 9 and Rohling's box is #507. "Besides it's just a connection to have when you're out there," Kalasnik said. "It's kind of like running into somebody who grew up in the same hometown as you."

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He also described it as challenging. "It's not easy to teach in front of a large class," he said.

He said that his students are very bright, forcing him to prepare better for classes. All in all, he enjoys teaching and is glad that he decided to take the opportunity.

Dillon commented that it is sometimes difficult for law students jobs in the Buffalo area, because the general population in the area has levelled off while the number of attorneys has increased.

The legal community has become economically depressed, and it is no longer the case that everyone can get some kind of legal job in the area after graduation. Dillon stated that the legal profession is no longer a "pick and choose industry" and that students have to be "realistic and open-minded."

"If you can get a job opportunity, take it," said Dillon, adding that

it is easier to get another job if you already have one.

He expressed his opinion that UB Law does an outstanding job teaching students to think logically and objectively -- "the way good lawyers should."

"The best lawyers are those that can pick up a file and go to either side of the courtroom," Dillon said.

While law schools cannot teach students everything about being a lawyer, UB Law does a good job. Our trial bar is considered by many as the best in the state.

Dillon expressed distress over the way he sees attorneys making enemies of other attorneys as a result of a case. He sees taking representation and litigation personally as bad and unnecessary.

Dillon joked that he has made more enemies as a result of his inability to hire people than from the 40,000 cases his office handles every

year. While he would like to hire as many promising attorneys as possible, he has to make difficult hiring decisions.

In general, he looks for loyalty, a good work ethic, and a good academic background. The attorney has to be a team player and be willing to abide by decisions made at the top. Common sense and a sense of humor are also requisites. Dillon said that too many attorneys take themselves too seriously. Finally, applicants must be able to handle pressure and a large work load.

Dillon says that he isn't sure what he's going to do in the future. He might continue to serve as District Attorney, but he also leaves open the possibility of pursuing other opportunities, such as serving as a judge. But, he said, his only concrete, future plan is to spend time with his wife and his three daughters.

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Review:

McLaughlin group predicts football wins, Cuomo loss

by Leslie P. Machado, columnist

Approximately 1,700 fans of the nationally-syndicated talk show "The McLaughlin Group" flocked to Alumni Arena last Wednesday night for a chance to view a live performance of the popular show. They did not come away disappointed. During the lively 90-minute debate, the panelists traded jokes, barbs, quips and their views on topics from the U.S. involvement in Haiti to Bill Clinton's sagging popularity to various electoral races throughout the country.

Leading the discussion was host John McLaughlin, former Washington editor and columnist for *The National Review*. Joining him were regular panelists Eleanor Clift, a contributing editor for *Newsweek* and Fred Barnes, senior editor of *The New Republic*. Sitting in for the evening were Josette Shiner, managing editor of *The Washington Times*, and Howard Fineman, *Newsweek's* deputy bureau chief. At all times, however, it was McLaughlin who had the spotlight and the audience's attention.

During the course of the evening, he took playful jabs at absent panelist Jack Germond as well as Marion Barry, Hillary Clinton, the present panelists, lawyers, and used-carsalesmen. He also predicted that the Bills would beat the Dolphins and that the U.B. Bulls would defeat Colgate, all while finding time to lead a lively discussion.

The panelists' views on the numerous topics were widely varied and they did not shy away from making bold predictions. On the topic of the United States in Haiti, Fineman said "at best, it's a no-win situation for Clinton" while Shiner said that the United States could not solve the present problems; only the Haitian people could. She added that Aristide's record as a democrat was dubious at best. Clift said that the U.S. should support Aristide because he was the elected leader.

McLaughlin ended the discussion by asking two questions: whether Aristide's life could be protected upon his return and whether he could restrain his supporters from exacting revenge. He added, in response to Clift's remark that Aristide has said he will not remain leader past the next election, "dream on!"

Turning to the races in Congress, Fineman said that the Democrats were in a state of panic, likening it to "a bunch of mice scurrying for the corner." Clift said there was a general anti-Washington mood pervasive in the country and that it was not solely directed towards Democrats -- an assessment that the other panelists vociferously disagreed with. Barnes said the anger was solely directed at Democrats and Liberals with McLaughlin citing nine key Republican victories since Clinton took office, including mayoral victories in New York City and Los Angeles.

With respect to specific races, three of the five panelists felt incumbent Ted Kennedy would retain his seat although McLaughlin predicted challenger Mitt Romney would win "in a big upset, in a race we'll be talking about for some time." McLaughlin predicted winners in several other races including Frank Lautenberg in New Jersey and Oliver North in Virginia.

Shriver added that Tom Foley could be in trouble and noted that Ross Perot had urged his followers to vote Republican. Clift predicted that the Christian Right would have an impact on several races.

Four of the five predicted the Republicans would win seven seats and gain control of the Senate (with Clift the lone dissenter); predictions as to whether the Republicans could gain control of the House ranged from zero (Fineman) to 50-50 (McLaughlin). Fineman added that "the simple fact is they (the Democrats) are going to get clobbered."



The nationally-syndicated talk show, "The McLaughlin Group," entertained UB students last Wednesday at Alumni Arena.

The highlight of the evening came when second-year law student Paul Antonowicz asked the panel, "in the New York Governor's race, on a scale from zero to ten, with zero being none and 10 being metaphysical certainty, what is the probability of Mario Cuomo being defeated?"

The question was similar to those that McLaughlin asks on his show and prompted him to tell Antonowicz that he was destined for greatness. After the program, Antonowicz said that he has been a regular viewer of the program for eight or nine years, mainly "because John is hysterical." He said that while he was interested in the New York gubernatorial race, "the question was a vehicle to use the 0 to 10 scale."

McLaughlin also invited Antonowicz to a live taping of the show in Washington.

In response to the question, McLaughlin

said it was "Apocalypse Now" for Mario and predicted challenger George Pataki would win barring a miracle. Clift put the number at six, Fineman 6.25, Shiner 6.26 and Barnes eight, saying "no single state in this country is willing to endure more than 12 years of Cuomo."

As a closing question, McLaughlin asked the panel if Clinton would face a primary challenge in 1996 and if he would step aside at the behest of the party leaders. Barnes said the challenge would come from the left, tabbing Jesse Jackson as a likely candidate. Clift said Bob Kerry would run against Clinton, a choice that Fineman agreed with. Shiner said Clinton might step aside if he felt he was vulnerable.

As always, McLaughlin had the last word. He predicted challenges would come from George Mitchell and Jesse Jackson and said that Clinton would step aside, leaving Al Gore to lead the ticket.

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Transcripts available for a fee at Capen

Unofficial transcripts are once again available at Capen Hall. In a reversal of policy, UB Law students can once again avail themselves of the convenience of getting a transcript on demand; however, a fee of \$2.50 will now be imposed on each request.

Due to a change in university computer programs, a new policy had required law students to request transcripts only from A&R.

Law students may still receive up to six free unofficial transcripts from A&R. These transcripts must be requested on Mondays for pick-up later in the week.

New SUNY chancellor appointed

The Board of Trustees of the State University of New York have appointed Thomas A. Bartlett as new chief executive of the 64-campus SUNY system.

Bartlett comes to the SUNY system after a distinguished career within New York, Washington, D.C. and overseas. He recently retired as chancellor of the Oregon State System of Higher Education.

"This is a superb appointment for the State University of New York," said UB President William R. Greiner. "Dr. Bartlett is an extraordinarily skilled, experienced administrative officer with background at a range of universities and a national and international reputation."

Bartlett's selection came after a nationwide search that considered more than 150 candidates. The process began last March after Chancellor D. Bruce Johnstone announced he was retiring due to health reasons.

The SUNY system has had 11 chancellors or presidents in its 64 years. SUNY educates 400,000 students on 64 campuses each year and is one of the largest public university systems in the country.

Public interest law teleconference held

"Law Students need to pay more attention to the real world; read the paper."

That's what one panelist recommended to law students all over the country during a nationally-televised panel about public interest law held at UB last week.

Only a handful of students attended the teleconference, which was designed to show students how to find out what opportunities existed in public interest law. The event, which was held from noon to 2 p.m. on Oct. 3 in Spaulding Quad, was sponsored by the Alliance for Justice.

The intention of the Alliance for Justice was to form a nationwide gathering of schools and professors. More than 100 schools were tuned in to the event. Panelists included lawyers practicing in human rights, environmental law, and gay and lesbian rights.

The speakers discussed such topics as the realities of job hunting, how to get the most out of your law school, how to get your school to provide more for you in your areas of interest, and how to find your niche in law.

Audrey Koscielniak, director of the CDO, attributed the low turnout to the poor timing and location of the event. It was a "busy class day," she said.

She explained that she had no control over the time because it was a nationally televised show put on by the Alliance for Justice. She explained that the event was scheduled to coincide with the beginning of the U.S. Supreme Court's new term.

She added that, in August, she was forced to move the event to 252 Spaulding, "which is at the other end of the world for law students."

However, Koscielniak said that students who were unable to attend the first showing will have another opportunity to watch the show.

She said the show was recorded and will be available to interested students at some future date, tentatively set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 3. She added that when the show is replayed, the CDO will try to bring in some local lawyers to answer specific questions for UB students.

-- by Daniela Almeida-Quigg, Reporter

! Point of Information !

Q: What is the purpose of this column?

A: The purpose of this column is to answer all those questions that law students have about life at UB Law but were afraid to ask. Like, who's that weird guy that hangs around in the basement or what the hell are those greek columns doing at Baird Point? You get the idea.

Place your questions in box #280 c/o Peter Zummo, Managing Editor. Write us because inquiring law students want to know!

"Quote" of the Week

"Maybe with stronger student input, we can do something."

-- Marie McCleod on the possibility of improving safety in the basement. See story on page three.

CDO beat:

Students learn about public and private settings

by Daniela Almeida-Quigg, Reporter

The Career Development Office kicked off its season with a two-day seminar on law practice settings sponsored by the Graduates of the Last Decade (GOLD) group, Wednesday and Thursday, Sept. 21 and 22.

About 70 students, mostly first-years, attended.

Some issues discussed included: hiring practices, types of clients, the typical working day, litigation versus counseling, and the all-important starting salary.

Private Practice

Edward Jozwiak, a graduate of the class of 1988, talked about his experience at an in-house practice specializing in land development. In-house, he explained, provided him with the opportunity to be a major part of a case -- from the planning stages of the deal through its fruition.

He appreciated the steady paychecks and benefits, flexible hours and not having to run after clients for business. The abundance of client was the only downside.

Class of 1993 graduate Natalie Lesh is at a small firm where she began working as a clerk. She said

she prefers the greater court time and responsibility that she says she never could have gotten at a big firm.

The downside to her job, however, is that nagging paycheck issue and the need to hustle to bring in clients, she said.

Judy Shanley, a class of 1992 graduate, defended her choice to work in a large firm.

She admitted that everything the first two panelists had alleged about the "big firm attitude" was true. She said that she did have to bill thousands of hours and didn't see any court time. The excitement of having interesting clients, and learning from the experts she works with makes it worth it though, she said.

Students attending said the panel provided useful information.

"I felt that this panel was helpful in the fact that they really put the first year in perspective for me," said Linda Harradine, a first-year law student. "By explaining the classes they took and what we need to get out of them, they have taken a lot of stress out of the first year for me."

Public Practice

William Jemmott, class of 1990, spoke about the Legal Aid Society, an organization which offers representation and legal advice to clients who normally would not have the money to hire private counsel.

The other panelist, class of 1987 graduate Brian Mahoney, talked about his experience at the Erie County District Attorney's office.

Both panelists stated that their most helpful classes in law school for this area of work were evidence and trial technique.

Students said the public practice panel was informative, although they did have some complaints.

"I suppose it was helpful in the sense that you got a better picture of what the different agencies are responsible for," said Len Opanashuk, 1L, "except that the setting could have been a little more informal since we were such a small group."

Audrey Koscielniak, director of the CDO, said she was very pleased with both the speakers and the turnout. "I am so glad to see that the 1Ls still have enthusiasm," she said

SBA Meeting, continued from page three

mitting a letter to the SBA, emphasizing the organization's achievements and goals and to give greater detail as to its membership and their plans for the school year.

The Opinion has obtained a copy of the letter. It asks the SBA fund the society at a level consistent with its membership.

Dwyer said that he would continue to assist the society in its efforts for funding. The issue of the Society's budget was scheduled to be addressed at yesterday's SBA meeting.

In other business, the SBA Board of Directors voted 17-0-1 to offer the Recreational and Intramural Services Board a three-year contract increasing the fee the SBA pays for law students to have access to Alumni Arena to \$12,000 for the first year, with three percent increases for the remaining two years. [See story on page one]

The SBA also approved the appointments of Jeff Weiss and Jen Teneburso as social chairs 19-0. Weiss and Teneburso are volunteers who assist the SBA in planning, setting up and publicizing SBA functions.

At the end of the Sept. 27 meeting, the SBA listened to a presentation from Peter Beadle, production manager of The Opinion. The pre-

sentation outlined a proposal which would permit The Opinion to retain all or a portion of the ad revenues it generates and budget an annual subsidy for start up costs.

Beadle said that the proposal would increase the independence of the paper, preserve the freedom of the press and give it an incentive to generate revenue.

Jewett and the class directors expressed skepticism as to whether Sub Board, the SBA Constitution and the SBA's bylaws would permit that sort of arrangement. Objections were also made that the proposal seemed to give The Opinion something for nothing. Dwyer suggested that a more detailed proposal be worked out for a later meeting.

At an informal session on Oct. 4, Beadle and Editor-in-Chief Evan Baranoff presented a revised proposal that involved two separate motions. The first was for a Constitutional Amendment to prevent the SBA from cutting off funding in retaliation for criticism of the SBA. The second was a revised proposal to permit The Opinion to retain or roll over any ad revenue over and above what is needed to reimburse the SBA.

Dwyer pointed out that this would not solve all the problems of SBA control, since four officers would still have to sign off on each

expenditure. The SBA was to consider these proposals at yesterday's SBA meeting.

On Oct. 4, the SBA also heard proposals from 1L Director George Hambousssi to increase security in the basement of O'Brian Hall. Among the ideas he expressed were installing a phone with a direct link to public safety, security cameras, and posting signs warning people not to go into the basement alone. A petition campaign for improved security measures was also discussed. The proposals were to be addressed at yesterday's meeting. [See related story page three]

Also on Oct. 4, Erik Larson of the Christian Legal Society spoke with the S.B.A. regarding recognition. The Society had asked to be recognized last year, but efforts foundered upon a dispute over the requirement that all voting members of the Society sign a statement of faith. The S.B.A. felt that this violated the S.B.A. Constitution while the Society felt it was essential for the integrity of the Society. Recognition will also be discussed at today's meeting.

User fee, continued from page 1

Vice-President of Student Affairs Robert Palmer repeatedly refused to return calls to this reporter and failed to issue any comment regarding the agreement or this article.

SBA President Ben Dwyer is satisfied with the compromise that resulted from the "long, arduous negotiating process" and feels that, overall, law students got what they wanted. He said that the user fee plan was abandoned once the administration realized that increased contributions from student groups were "the best it would get." He added that it "is a good deal and law students should take advantage of the services" they are paying for through the SBA.

All parties agree that when the three-year agreement expires, an effort to renew it will be made rather than reviving the user fee proposal and the accompanying controversy.

Thank you!



Dean Tom Headrick (seen above, L) presented Camille Catalano, Joyce Farrell, Sue Martin (seen above, R), and Marie McCleod with 20-year pins and Anne Gaulin, Sharon Hassett, Linda Kelly and Barb Premielewski with 10-year service pins at a luncheon on Sept. 28 to honor the law school support staff.

The Docket

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 13

4:00 p.m.

GOLD Group lecture: Getting Your Foot in the Door - A presentation providing job searching information. Speakers will be Michael Biehler (Tops Markets) and William Altreuter (Altreuter & Habermehl). Room 109. Sponsored by the GOLD group.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 14

5:00 p.m.

Desmond Briefs Due: Final Desmond Moot Court briefs due.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

2:00 p.m.

CDO: Mandatory CDO Orientation meeting for first-years. First-years must attend one mandatory meeting (either today's or Wednesday's). Room 106.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

3:30 p.m.

CDO: Mandatory CDO Orientation meeting

for first-years. Room 106.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 20

5:30 p.m.

SUNY-Binghamton Alumni Reunion: SUNY-Binghamton Alumni are invited to attend a gathering at the Buffalo Brew Pub, located at the corner of Main and Transit.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21

4:30 p.m.

Happy Hour at The Marriott: Food, drink and merriment. Sponsored by The Federalist Society.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

1994 Jaecle Award Luncheon and Alumni Convocation: Panel speakers will focus on New York's new Family Protection and Domestic Violence Intervention Act of 1994. Speakers include representatives from prosecution, judicial and media viewpoints. UB Center for The Arts. Sponsored by UB Law and the UB Law Alumni Association.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21 - SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23

NAPIL Public Interest Law Career Fair: The Fair will be held at American University in Washington, D.C.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25 - THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

6:00 p.m. & 8:00 p.m.

Desmond: Preliminary rounds for Desmond Moot Court Competition.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

OCT. 27:

- Happy Hour for Desmond participants.

- Election candidates forum and reception.

NOV. 3:

- Alumni Student Happy Hour Mixer.

NOV. 2 - 6:

- International Law Student Association national meeting.

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Place all submissions in box 10. Please include with your submissions the name of a contact person and their box number and phone number.

We look forward to hearing about your events!

The Student Bar Association Wishes to Thank the Following Community Service Day Volunteers for Coming Out to Help Habitat for Humanity Last Saturday:

Thomas Byrne	Molly Kocialski
Jason Caruson	Bari Levant
Jonathan Chui	Shawn Luther
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David Fitch	Carolyn Pratt
Andrew Freedman	Helen Pundurs
Jim Gerlach	Karen Richardson
Seth Hibbert	Alexandra Rivas
Joanne Howlett	Jill Tuholski
Martini Iwala	Susan Van Gelder
Bruce Karpati	David Wright

Special Thanks Also to Santoras and Wegmans for their Generous Donations of Pizza and Soda Pop for the Community Service Day Volunteers' Lunch

More SBA Party Photos!



The End!

The Opinion

Mandatory Editorial Board meeting Thursday at 3:30 p.m. in the office, room 724.

Reporters/Photographers meeting Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the office, room 724.

Opinion Personals!

Dear X, we didn't run it because it was too long and unsigned. Personals should be one-liners and even though we'll run them without a name, we need to know that it's legit. Please try again! Thanks John and Lexa!
M, Well played! Now it's my turn. -- C.D.
Congratulations Sue and Peter!
If you're reading this, thank you. -- the anti-establishment

Jennie, thanks for your help. I love you! - E
A.Y.G., Patrick Henry must be turning over in his grave! -- persistent
Hey Frenchy, whatever you said, thanks.
Chuck, It could be worse; you could be here now.
Bambi, watch where you're going next time!!!

Steven, Daniela, Shelley, Mike, Rosanna, Michael, Martini, Les, Bob, Jessica, -- Thanks!
To Frenchy and The big "O", what day is it?
Len, Great job! Thanks.
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